

## Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting:

**Full Council**

Date:

4<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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**Copt Hall**

Typed:

7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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### PRESENT

Mr P Dartnell (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mrs M Brinsley, Mr G Davies, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mrs J Newman, Mr M Robertson, Mrs B Weeden, Mr C Williamson, Mr P Whittle

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### ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. R Weeden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N. Gray, Mr. S Holden  
KM, K&SC

The Chairman opened the Meeting.

#### **1 Adjournment for public speaking.**

1.1 Mr Michael Robertson addressed the meeting, declaring his interest in serving as a co-opted member of Hawkhurst Parish Council, the reasons why and answering questions from the Members. The Chairman stated that the new member would be co-opted onto the Land Committee and MR confirmed that he would be prepared to serve there.

1.2 Cllr Sean Holden addressed the meeting in his capacity as both Borough and County Councillor. He is Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Development at KCC and described the anticipated growth of lorry traffic through Dover due to changes in Marine fuel prices, which will have the effect of incentivising shorter sea routes for freight traffic. He is concerned at current traffic levels in Hawkhurst and will seek to get Hawkhurst removed from the recommended lorry routes at KCC level. He described the new 15 thousand house development planned at Ebbsfleet with the planned Paramount Pleasure Garden to be sited at Hooe Peninsular. Both will provide numerous jobs but they will focus the need for infrastructure there to be right. Similarly 6 thousand houses will be developed at Ashford and it will be important to achieve a community feel. SH said the most asked question in Hawkhurst for him was the problem of speeding. SH wishes to use part of his Members Grant to try to address this. He seeks to look into the possibility of using Speedwatch data as evidence for speeding convictions. He is also looking at supporting youth services and the Streetcruizer bus, which he hopes to support, subject to satisfying the application procedure. Finally, he has spoken to David Jukes and pointed out that his 5 Year Vision for TWBC focuses almost entirely on the town of Tunbridge Wells itself and suggested that a second 5 Year TWBC Rural Vision be made.

1.3 3 residents addressed the meeting in relation to planning application 14/500922 Eshott, Theobalds, raising their concerns about the project.

#### **2. Co-Option of Michael Robertson**

2.1 The meeting was re-convened by the Chairman. Michael Robertson was asked to leave the room. Members discussed their views relating to the ability of Mr Robertson and the qualities and experience that he would bring to the role and to the Council. The Chairman proposed that Mr Michael Robertson be co-opted as a Member of Hawkhurst Parish Council and also as a Member of the Land Committee. This was seconded by MB and agreed unanimously. MR was invited to join the Members at the meeting table and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

2.2 The Chairman offered his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to all the Members of the Fete Committee, including Mrs Williamson, present at the meeting, for an excellent Fete and Festival.

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### 3. Apologies for absence:

3.1 Mrs S Fisher

### 4. Declaration of interests:

4.1 PW declared a pecuniary interest in Planning item 31 14/500452 as it relates to his own house.

The Clerk declared that despite all Members knowing PW personally, Members may vote on this application and that PW would leave the room for discussion and vote, priority being on a decision being made.

4.2 BF declared a personal interest in Planning Items 31 and 39 14/500922 as he lives in Theobalds and has been lobbied by Mr Drummond Randall.

4.3 JH declared a personal interest in Planning Item 39 14/500922 as he lives in Theobalds.

### 5. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014. They were approved with abstentions from JN and MR.

## 6. Planning

6.1 The Chairman thanked all who campaigned and put in work towards the Highgate Hill and Birchfield Planning Applications. Permission was granted for Birchfield and refused for Highgate Hill.

6.2 Planning Applications considered:

Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
28	14/500377/ FULL	Minor alterations to Residential Garage	Sisley Farm, Sopers Lane		Agree	11	0	MR	
29	14/500324/ FULL	Extension to existing detached single bay garage	Slip Mill Cottage, Slip Mill Lane	Clerk to check with Planning Officer if listed status of cottage significant for garage.	Agree	11	0	MR	
30	14/500302/ FULL/RH1	Demolition of existing bay windows and rear conservatory and construction single storey rear extension	Wayside, The Moor		Agree	6	3	3	
31	14/500452/ FULL	Proposed entrance porch	7 Fieldways	PW left the room for the discussion and vote	Agree	10	0	MR	
32	14/500447/ FULL/EMAG	Existing bungalow roof slightly raised with new side extension with room in roof	Sunny Mead, Slip Mill Lane		Agree	11	0	MR	

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Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
		with 2 additional dormers							
33	14/501176/ FULL	Demolition of vacant commercial buildings and replacement by two 2 storey houses with adjoining garages and 1 bungalow with detached single garage	Watkins and Doncaster , Conghurst Lane		Agree	11	0	MR	
34	14/500867/ FULL/EG1	conversion of existing farm building into a single dwelling	Cowden Park, Horns Road		Agree	11	0	MR	
35	14/500564/ FULL and 14/500566/ LBC	Erection of single storey rear extension, reduction, alteration of scullery, alteration and refurbishment of rear outbuilding, alteration to rear hard landscaping, removal of walls to cellar, replacement of window with French doors to playroom, alteration of dressing room into ensuite, insertion of 3 rooflights to rear elevation.	The Rockery, Talbot Road	Large expanse of glass at back of Grade II listed building is out of keeping and out of harmony with its age and design. The vertical weatherboarding is inconsistent with horizontal on the original building and a sedum roof is out of keeping with peg tiling elsewhere.	Against	GD, JH	9	MR	Y
37	14/500621/ FULL	Build a timber framed garage/outbuildi	9 Highgate Hill		Agree	11	0	MR	

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Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
		ng at rear end of garden.							
38	14/500920/ FULL	Conversion of existing outbuilding to temporary dwelling for a period no longer than 3 years.	Santers Yard, Gills Green		Agree	10	0	2	
39	14/500922/ FULL	Demolition of existing house and replacement with a Hanse Haus of similar design and higher specification.	Eshott, Theobalds	With a footprint over 40 % bigger than the original this is overdevelopment of the smallest plot. The design is architecturally out of keeping with neighbouring properties giving it no sense of place. The additional size, prominence on the plot makes it appear overbearing to adjacent properties and imbalances the streetscene.	Against	0	10	MA, MR	Y
40	14/501575	Two detached bungalows with parking - resubmission following withdrawal of previous scheme.	Land adjacent to Hartnokes Hawkhurst	Development is over-intensive for the space available. Outline permission was for 2 single storey semis, which is more acceptable on very limited space. Insufficient residual parking for 5 current houses. The elevated location will sit poorly in front of existing properties. Concerns about thye TPO oak tree's proximity to the building site and the curtelage of its roots in particular.	Against	0	11	MR	Y

6.3 JH raised the Springfield site and being aware of the initial communications that have taken place

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amongst some of the owners, suggested that the Parish Council could offer support in enabling the owners to begin a meaningful discussion about developing the site.

**7. Finance**

Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.

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| <b>8.</b>         | <b><u>Confidential:</u></b><br>PD, seconded by MB <i>proposed closing the Meeting to the public and going into private session.</i><br>PD briefed Members on the immediate liability to KCC Pension Fund of historical underprovision to it, should Hawkhurst Parish Council leave KCC Pension Fund. |
| <b>9.</b><br>9.1  | <b><u>Closure</u></b><br>The meeting closed at 21:21   |
| <b>10</b><br>10.1 | <b><u>Future Meetings</u></b><br>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 commencing at 19:45.   |

Signed.....Date.....  
Peter Dartnell, Chairman of the Parish Council.